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Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions: Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters

Russian Federation: draft resolution

Promoting cooperation with the scientific community, including academia, in the development of effective drug control policies

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming the commitments undertaken by Member States in accordance with the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem[1] to ensure that measures to reduce drug demand and supply are based on an integrated and balanced approach, the principle of common and shared responsibility and scientific evidence-based assessments of the nature and extent of the world drug problem,

Bearing in mind the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[2] in which the need to scientifically evaluate drug supply and demand reduction measures in order

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 8* (E/2014/28), chap. I, sect. C.

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to direct government resources to initiatives that have proved to be successful in tackling the causes of the world drug problem was acknowledged,

Reaffirming the commitments undertaken by the parties to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988[3] to facilitate the exchange of scientific information and the conduct of research on the eradication of illicit cultivation of narcotic plants,

Recalling its resolution 58/7 of 17 March 2015, in which it underlined the need for Member States to cooperate closely with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization, the International Narcotics Control Board and other international and regional organizations, as well as with the scientific community, including academia, in contributing to the scientific assessment of drug demand and supply reduction policies, drug markets and drug-related crime,

Emphasizing the need to develop and maintain research networks and promote collaboration in scientific research and in the dissemination of the findings of such research, both within and between Member States,

Acknowledging the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board to support Member States in promoting cooperation and the exchange of findings of scientific research in the area of drug control with the scientific community, including academia,

Welcoming the establishment, under the auspices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, of an informal international scientific network in the areas of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation with respect to drug dependence, and taking note of the outcomes of the consultations on those topics held between representatives of the scientific community during the period 2013-2015,

1. *Welcomes* the initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, building on scientific consultations and drawing on the experience of the operation of the informal international scientific network under its auspices in the area of demand reduction, to conduct a series of scientific consultations on reducing the supply of drugs, with a view to exchanging information and best practices between scientists and Member States in the area of drug supply reduction;

2. *Calls upon* Member States to support the work of the informal international scientific networks under the auspices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the area of drug demand and supply reduction by sending experts to participate in expert meetings held within the framework of those networks;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to make available to Member States on a regular basis the outcomes of the work of the informal international scientific networks under the auspices of the Office in the area of drug supply and demand reduction in order to assist them in developing scientific evidence-based drug control policies and assessing their effectiveness;

4. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.